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1. U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION TOLD PRESIDENT LABIDI THAT WE HAD ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SIMILAR TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED LAST YEAR, BUT WE WERE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE LOAN.

2. WITH REGARD TO FUND PARTICIPATION, DELEGATION STRESSED WE MUCH FARTHER ALONG THAN LAST YEAR. PROVISION FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION WAS INCLUDED IN FY 75 BUDGET REQUEST.

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HEARINGS WITH SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES

WERE COMPLETED AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD JUST HELD HEARING ON SENATOR HUMPHREY'S BILL AUTHORIZING U.S. PARTICIPATION. NEXT STEP IS FOR SENATE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON BILL FOR VOTE. IT WOULD THEN GO TO HOUSE WHERE IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY COMMITTEE. BILL HAS STRONG SUPPORT IN SFRC WHICH UNDERSTANDS IMPORTANCE OF DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR U.S. TO BECOME ORIGINAL PARTICIPANT. DELEGATION MADE NO COMMITMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN FUND MEETING AT PARIS IN OCTOBER.

3. RE GRANT FUNDS FOR SAHEL, DISASTER RELIEF BILL HAD BEEN PASSED BY CONGRESS BUT NOT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT. DELEGATION SAID WE WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO PROCESS GRANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT SIGNED BILL ON JULY 8, SO WE ARE HOPEFUL GRANT CAN SOON BE MADE AVAILABLE IN ABIDJAN. QUESTION WHETHER GRANT TO BE MADE TO BANK OR TO SPECIAL SAHEL FUND IS STILL OPEN HERE. SEPARATE MESSAGE TO FOLLOW RE GRANT.

4. HOPE THE ABOVE WILL BE USEFUL IN YOUR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT LABIDI. KISSINGER

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